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SUBJECT: JORDAN MISSILE SYSTEM: HAWK/VULCAN PAYMENT
SCHEDULE

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1. IN RESPONSE INQUIRY CONTAINED NUMBERED PARA 4 REFTL, SAUDI
SILENCE ON SUBJECT OF PAYMENT SCHEDULE MAY INDICATE INABILITY TO
ARRANGE TERMS WE DESIRE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IS PROBABLY NOT THE
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CASE. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT SAG SILENCE IS DUE TO ANNOYANCE

AT JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT "JORDAN HAD DECIDED TO BUY US MISSILE SYSTEM." KING HUSSEIN IS DUE HERE TODAY, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO STRETCH ONE'S IMAGINATION AS TO WHAT IS ON HIS MIND. PERHAPS THERE WILL BE A FAVORABLE INDICATION AFTER THIS VISIT, PROVIDED HE SAYS THE RIGHT THINGS.

2. OVER THE PAST WEEK I HAVE ASKED MANSOURI TWICE WHETHER HE EXPECTED ACTION ON THE MATTER FAIRLY SOON. HE COULD TELL ME NOTHING, THOUGH HE HINTED CABINET WAS CONSIDERING IT.

3. I DON'T THINK IT IS A GOOD TACTIC FOR US TO APPEAR TOO EAGER BUT I BELIEVE ENOUGH TIME HAS PASSED FOR US TO MAKE, THROUGH ONE CHANNEL OR ANOTHER, THE POINT THAT WE THINK IT WOULD BE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO SETTLE THE MATTER PRIOR TO RAMADAN. IF THERE IS NO APPARENT RESULT FROM HUSSEIN'S VISIT, I WILL MAKE A MOVE EARLY IN THE COMING WEEK.
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